The E-Rate program has been huge success in bringing more internet applications to our campus. We have been able to add EBackpack, IXL and other internet based programs that we would not have been able to afford. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than $5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least $5 billion to meet this demand. I believe that high-speed broadband connection is a vital tool that all students need across the nation.